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**PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED FOR COMMENTS ON  
AT&T INC.'S PETITION FOR CONDITIONAL FORBEARANCE UNDER  
47 U.S.C. § 160 FROM THE COMMISSION'S PAY-PER-CALL SERVICES RULES**

WC Docket No. 07-215

**Comments Due: October 29, 2007**  
**Reply Comments Due: November 28, 2007**

On September 11, 2007, AT&T Inc. (AT&T), on behalf of its operating telephone companies, filed a petition for conditional forbearance pursuant to section 10 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the Act), 47 U.S.C. § 160.<sup>1</sup> In its petition, AT&T asks the Commission to forbear conditionally from applying section 228(b)(5) of the Act, and section 64.1506 of the Commission's rules to the extent those provisions together require that telecommunications carriers offer interstate pay-per-call services only through telephone numbers beginning with a 900 access code.<sup>2</sup> AT&T seeks this forbearance so that it may offer a new enhanced directory assistance service to its wireline customers through an alternative dialing sequence, \*ATT (\*288).<sup>3</sup>

This Public Notice establishes certain procedural requirements relating to consideration of the AT&T Petition. This matter shall be treated as a "permit-but-disclose" proceeding in accordance with the Commission's *ex parte* rules. See 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200, 1.1206. Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentations must contain summaries of

<sup>1</sup> AT&T Inc. Petition for Forbearance from Section 228(b)(5) and 47 CFR 64.1506, WC Docket No. 07-215 (filed Sept. 11, 2007) (AT&T Petition). The AT&T operating telephone companies are: BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Alabama, AT&T Florida, AT&T Georgia, AT&T Kentucky, AT&T Louisiana, AT&T Mississippi, AT&T North Carolina, AT&T South Carolina, and AT&T Tennessee; Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Illinois; Indiana Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Indiana; Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Michigan; Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Ohio; Wisconsin Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Wisconsin; Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Nevada; Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T California; Southern New England Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Connecticut; and Southwestern Bell Telephone L.P. d/b/a AT&T Arkansas, AT&T Kansas, AT&T Missouri, AT&T Oklahoma, and AT&T Texas. See AT&T Petition at 1 n.1.

<sup>2</sup> See AT&T Petition at 1; see also 47 U.S.C. § 288(b)(5); 47 C.F.R. § 64.1506.

<sup>3</sup> See AT&T Petition at 1.

the substance of the presentations and not merely a listing of the subjects discussed. More than a one or two sentence description of the views and arguments presented generally is required. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b). Other rules pertaining to oral and written *ex parte* presentations in permit-but-disclose proceedings are set forth in section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).

Interested parties may file comments on the AT&T Petition on or before **October 29, 2007** and reply comments on or before **November 28, 2007**. All pleadings are to reference **WC Docket No. 07-215**. Comments may be filed using: (1) the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS), (2) the Federal Government's eRulemaking Portal, or (3) by filing paper copies.<sup>4</sup>

- **Electronic Filers:** Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/> or the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Filers should follow the instructions provided on the website for submitting comments.
  - For ECFS filers, if multiple docket or rulemaking numbers appear in the caption of this proceeding, filers must transmit one electronic copy of the comments for each docket or rulemaking number referenced in the caption. In completing the transmittal screen, filers should include their full name, U.S. Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions, filers should send an e-mail to [ecfs@fcc.gov](mailto:ecfs@fcc.gov), and include the following words in the body of the message, "get form." A sample form and directions will be sent in response.
- **Paper Filers:** Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and four copies of each filing. If more than one docket or rulemaking number appears in the caption of this proceeding, filers must submit two additional copies for each additional docket or rulemaking number.

Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail (although we continue to experience delays in receiving U.S. Postal Service mail). All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.

- The Commission's contractor will receive hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary at 236 Massachusetts Avenue, NE, Suite 110, Washington, D.C. 20002. The filing hours at this location are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building.
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<sup>4</sup> *See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, GC Docket No. 97-113, Report and Order, 13 FCC Rcd 11322 (1998).

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Parties should also send a copy of their filings to Janice Myles, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, Room 5-C140, 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554, or by e-mail to [Janice.Myles@fcc.gov](mailto:Janice.Myles@fcc.gov). Parties shall also serve one copy with the Commission's copy contractor, Best Copy and Printing, Inc. (BCPI), Portals II, 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Room CY-B402, Washington, DC 20554, (202) 488-5300, or via e-mail to [fcc@bcpiweb.com](mailto:fcc@bcpiweb.com).

Documents in WC Docket No. 07-215 are available for public inspection and copying during business hours at the FCC Reference Information Center, Portals II, 445 12<sup>th</sup> St. SW, Room CY-A257, Washington, DC 20554. The documents may also be purchased from BCPI, telephone (202) 488-5300, facsimile (202) 488-5563, TTY (202) 488-5562, e-mail [fcc@bcpiweb.com](mailto:fcc@bcpiweb.com). These documents may also be viewed on the Commission's website at <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs>.

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